

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1201

By Boyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John C. Pope for his meritorious service as the 2019-2020 president of the Lebanon Noon Rotary Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John C. Pope, who was installed in 2019 as the president of the Lebanon Noon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Wilson County, John Pope is a 1991 graduate of Mt. Juliet High School and a 1996 graduate of the Leabry School of Business at Cumberland University, from which he earned his business degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope is currently vice president of Southern Bank of Tennessee and has enjoyed an exemplary twenty-four-year career in banking, which began at First Bank and Trust in Mt. Juliet; and

WHEREAS, a 2002 Leadership Wilson graduate, John Pope gives back to his community as president of Lebanon Youth Baseball; he is past president of the Cumberland University Alumni Association and past board member of Main Street Lebanon, and he taught business concepts to students at Watertown Middle School for several years as a Junior Achievement volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope has been a Rotarian since 2005 and has received the Paul Harris Fellow distinction twice; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded gentleman, John Pope was appointed in 2018 to serve as one of five members of the Wilson County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Mr. Pope received the Award of Excellence for Science, Technology and Business from Cumberland University during the 2017 commencement ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope is a man of devout religious faith who attends College Hills Church of Christ, where he serves as an eleventh-grade Sunday School teacher, communion leader, and bus driver; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, John Pope is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife of twenty-four years, Traci Thorne Pope, and their children, Kennedy and Garrett; and

WHEREAS, throughout his term as Lebanon Noon Rotary Club president, John Pope has represented the State and the City of Lebanon with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize Mr. Pope for his outstanding service in this professional leadership role; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John C. Pope for his meritorious service as the 2019-2020 president of the Lebanon Noon Rotary Club, applaud his professional dedication and leadership, and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.